Morgantown Police Department
300 SPRUCE STREET
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA 26505
(304) 284-7522
www.morgantownwv.gov

NEWS RELEASE August 23, 2013

For Immediate Release - UPDATE

On August 19, 2013 at approximately 2042 hours, Morgantown Police Department, Morgantown Fire Department, and Monongalia County EMS responded to a vehicle accident involving death on South High Street. A 2008 Nissan Altima was traveling North on South High Street when it struck a pedestrian that was crossing the street at the intersection of Simpson Street.

The preliminary investigation identified Levi Alexander **SOOY**, 24 years of age of Morgantown was driving North on High Street. **SOOY** failed to see Robert **McCLAIN**, 79 years of age of Morgantown as he was walking across High Street.

SOOY was transported to Ruby Memorial Hospital where he submitted blood samples for forensic testing.

Traffic Reconstruction Officers and Detectives responded to the scene of the accident and began the initial investigation. Witnesses were identified and their statements were taken at the time of the crash. The vehicle was impounded for examination.

Officers are currently awaiting the results of forensic testing and plan on consulting with the Monongalia County Prosecutors Office upon completion of the investigation.

If anyone has any information concerning it they should contact the Morgantown Police Department at (304) 284-7522.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating crime in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **"Partner in Policing"**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

Ed Preston
Chief of Police